

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q95419

Kazutomo MURAKAMI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/596,407

Group Art Unit: 2612

Confirmation No.: 6272

Examiner: Jack K. WANG

Filed: June 12, 2006

For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR DETECTING ABNORMALITY OF ROTATING BODY

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on November 13, 2009:

REMARKS

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was attached with the Office Action final dated November 30, 2010. The Interview Summary indicates that the interview was conducted on November 17, 2009, however, the Examiner-initiated Interview was conducted on November 13, 2009.

During the interview, the parties discussed the rejection of claim 1 over Inoue. Specifically, the parties discussed the "means for" function relating to detecting an abnormality recited in claim 1. The Examiner took the position that the means for detecting an abnormality

was only recited in the preamble and therefore was not a positive recitation of the claim. No agreement was reached.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

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